

SENATE BILL 1711

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65
and Title 68, relative to the use of herbicides by
railroad companies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 12, is amended by adding
the following new section:

(a) If a railroad company applies an herbicide adjacent to any railroad track and
the application of the herbicide, including any drift of the herbicide, is within one hundred
feet (100') of any residential property, the railroad company shall provide written notice
to each resident of the residential property no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to
application of the herbicide.

(b) Notice provided under subsection (a) must identify the date or dates of
application, the type of herbicide, including the active ingredients and their
concentrations, and any potential harmful side effects of exposure to persons and
animals.

(c) As used in this section, "herbicide" includes a ground sterilizer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.